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Amendments to the Claims:

1-20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently amended) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an event comprising receiving an incoming telephone call;

communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;

determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event;

and

changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including muting an audio output device before establishing the incoming telephone call on an active receiver.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein receiving an event comprises receiving an event generated by an application.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein receiving an event comprises receiving an event generated by a system component.

24. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein receiving an event comprises receiving an event generated by an audio control.

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25-28. (Canceled).

29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 28 ~~wherein the changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises~~ further comprising, restoring the audio output device ~~settings~~ setting to a their prior state after the telephone call is disconnected.

30-33. (Canceled).

34. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises using rules for changing a setting of an audio device based upon one or more events.

35. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises using configuration settings.

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 wherein ~~the changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices~~ further comprises changing the setting of an input audio device.

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37. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 wherein the changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices further comprises changing the setting of an output audio device.

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 wherein changing the setting of a the plurality of audio devices further comprises changing an indicator that uses at least one member of the a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

39. (Currently amended) The method of claim 38 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing a the visual indicator comprises changing the an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

40. (Currently amended) The system of claim 38 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing a the visual indicator comprises changing the indicator to ~~the~~ an amber color ~~amber~~ while muted.

41. (Canceled).

42. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 wherein changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices further comprises restoring the settings of an audio output device ~~settings~~ to a prior state.

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43. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 wherein changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices further comprises adjusting the a volume of an audio output device.

44. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 21.

45-62. (Canceled).

63. (new) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

- receiving an event corresponding to receiving an incoming telephone call;
- communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;
- determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event;

and

- changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including lowering the volume of an audio output device before establishing the incoming telephone call on an active receiver.

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64. (new) The method of claim 63 wherein receiving the event comprises receiving an event generated by at least one of: an application, a system component, and an audio control.

65. (new) The method of claim 63 wherein the changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises muting at least one other audio output device before establishing the incoming telephone call.

66. (new) The method of claim 63 further comprising, restoring the audio output device setting to a prior state after the telephone call is disconnected.

67. (new) The method of claim 63 further comprising, restoring the audio output device setting to a prior state after a headset is unplugged.

68. (new) The method of claim 63 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using rules for changing the setting of the audio device based upon one or more events.

69. (new) The method of claim 63 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using configuration settings.

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70. (new) The method of claim 63 wherein the changing the setting further comprises changing a setting of an input audio device.

71. (new) The method of claim 63 further comprising changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

72. (new) The method of claim 71 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

73. (new) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 63.

74. (new) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

- receiving an event corresponding to disconnecting a telephone call;
- communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;
- determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event;

and

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changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including restoring an audio output device setting to a prior state after the telephone call is disconnected.

75. (new) The method of claim 74 wherein receiving the event comprises receiving an event generated by at least one of: an application, a system component, and an audio control.

76. (new) The method of claim 74 further comprising, muting at least one other audio output device before establishing an incoming telephone call corresponding to the disconnected telephone call.

77. (new) The method of claim 74 further comprising, restoring the audio output device setting to a prior state after a headset is unplugged.

78. (new) The method of claim 74 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using rules for changing the setting of the audio device based upon one or more events.

79. (new) The method of claim 74 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using configuration settings.

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80. (new) The method of claim 74 wherein the changing the setting further comprises changing a setting of an input audio device.

81. (new) The method of claim 74 further comprising changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

82. (new) The method of claim 81 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

83. (new) The method of claim 74 wherein changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices comprises muting the audio output device.

84. (new) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 74.

85. (new) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an event corresponding to plugging in a headset;

communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;

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determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event;
and

changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the
determination, including muting an audio output device before connecting audio output
on the headset.

86. (new) The method of claim 85 wherein receiving the event comprises
receiving an event generated by at least one of: an application, a system component,
and an audio control.

87. (new) The method of claim 85 further comprising, restoring the audio
output device setting to a prior state after a headset is unplugged.

88. (new) The method of claim 85 wherein determining the change in the
setting comprises using rules for changing the setting of the audio device based upon
one or more events.

89. (new) The method of claim 85 wherein determining the change in the
setting comprises using configuration settings.

90. (new) The method of claim 85 wherein the changing the setting further
comprises changing a setting of an input audio device.

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91. (new) The method of claim 85 further comprising changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

92. (new) The method of claim 91 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

93. (new) The system of claim 91 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing the indicator to the color amber while muted.

94. (new) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 85.

95. (new) A method for controlling audio devices in a computer system, comprising the steps of:
receiving an event corresponding to unplugging a headset;
communicating the event to a configurable audio controller;
determining a change in a setting of a plurality of audio devices from the event;
and

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changing the setting of a plurality of audio devices as a result of the determination, including restoring an audio output device setting to a prior state after the headset is unplugged.

96. (new) The method of claim 95 wherein receiving the event comprises receiving an event generated by at least one of: an application, a system component, and an audio control.

97. (new) The method of claim 95 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using rules for changing the setting of the audio device based upon one or more events.

98. (new) The method of claim 95 wherein determining the change in the setting comprises using configuration settings.

99. (new) The method of claim 95 wherein the changing the setting further comprises changing a setting of an input audio device.

100. (new) The method of claim 95 further comprising, receiving another event corresponding to plugging in a headset, and changing the setting of at least one audio device in response to the other event.

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101. (new) The method of claim 95 further comprising changing an indicator that uses at least one member of a set comprising visual, audible, and tactile representations.

102. (new) The method of claim 101 wherein the indicator corresponds to a visual indicator, and wherein changing the indicator comprises changing an amount of light displayed for a volume setting.

103. (new) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 95.